

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED NO. _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: Karen McGuinness

Petition No. 940419-10-041

PRELICENSURE CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Karen McGuinness of Glastonbury, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has applied for licensure to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits and acknowledges that:

1. The Department has at no time issued respondent a license to practice the occupation of registered nurse under Chapter 378 the General Statutes of Connecticut.
2. On July 17, 1988, the New York State Board of Regents entered into a Consent Order with respondent suspending her registered nurse and licensed practical nurse licenses, with the suspension stayed, and, placing her licenses on probation for two years under various terms and conditions. This action was based on one specification of professional misconduct, specifically her possession of a controlled substance in a manner inconsistent with New York Public Law Article 33, in February 1986.
3. By the actions described in paragraph 2 above, respondent has committed acts which, if respondent had been licensed at the time,

fail to conform to the accepted standards of practice for registered nurses; therefore, respondent is subject to denial of her application for licensure pursuant to §19a-14 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-14 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Karen McGuinness hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she waives the right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That upon satisfying the requirements for licensure as a registered nurse as set forth in Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse will be issued.
3. That her license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut shall, upon issuance, be placed immediately on probation for eighteen (18) months subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Prelicensure Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of her probation.
 - B. Respondent shall not accept employment in any capacity for a personnel provider, visiting nurse agency or home health care agency for the period of her probation.
 - C. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of quarterly written reports directly to the Department from her nursing supervisor (i.e., Director of Neonatology) for the period of her probation. Employer reports shall include, but not be limited

to, documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice nursing, and shall be issued to the Department at the address cited in paragraph 9 below.

- D. Quarterly reports required in paragraph 3C above are due on the tenth business day of the third full month after the effective date of this Prelicensure Consent Order and every third month thereafter.
4. That in the event respondent is unemployed for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed less than twenty (20) hours per week, respondent shall so notify the Department in writing. Such period(s) shall not be counted in reducing the period covered by this Prelicensure Consent Order.
 5. That respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
 6. That respondent shall notify the Department of any change(s) in her employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
 7. That respondent shall notify the Department of any change(s) in her home and/or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
 8. That any deviation from the term(s) of this Prelicensure Consent Order without prior written approval of the Department shall constitute a violation. A violation of any term(s) of this Prelicensure Consent Order shall result in the right of the Department in its discretion to immediately deem respondent's registered nurse's license rescinded. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver

or preclude the Department's right to take action at a later time.

The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods. Notice of the rescission of the license shall be sent by the Department to respondent's address of record.

Respondent waives any right to a hearing on the issue of violation of the terms of this Prelicensure Consent Order.

9. That all correspondence and reports required by the terms of this Prelicensure Consent Order are to be addressed to:

Lynne A. Hurley, Investigator
Department of Public Health and Addiction Services
150 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106

10. That legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department.

11. That she understands that this Prelicensure Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing in which her compliance with §20-99 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

12. That this Prelicensure Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Prelicensure Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive her of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

13. That this Prelicensure Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
14. That this Prelicensure Consent Order is effective when accepted and approved by a duly appointed agent of the Department.
15. That this Prelicensure Consent Order is a matter of public record.
16. That respondent has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this Prelicensure Consent Order.

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I, Karen McGuiness, have read the above Prelicensure Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Prelicensure Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Karen McGuiness
Karen McGuiness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August 1994.

Donald H. Hadden-Lewis
~~Notary Public~~ or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or
affirmation
Commissioner of the Superior Court

The above Prelicensure Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services on the 26th day of August 1994, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Stanley K. Peck
Stanley K. Peck, Director
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

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